

## **PREFACE TO 6200 CDF-CYA CAMP OPERATIONS HANDBOOK**

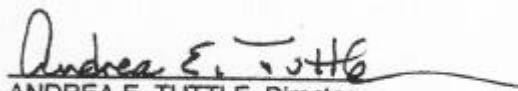
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The State of California has had a Conservation Camp Program for over 50 years. The cooperative agreement between the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the California Youth Authority has been in place since that time. This State pioneered the employment of incarcerated individuals in wildland fire protection. Since its inception, the program has expanded into a highly mobile work force engaging in all risk disaster mitigation, prefire fuel management, the development and maintenance of fire defense improvements and facilities, and the performance of conservation related projects for local, state, and federal agencies. The program provides wards with the opportunity to give something back to the citizens of the state, while experiencing personal development, and acquiring both an academic education, and a work ethic.

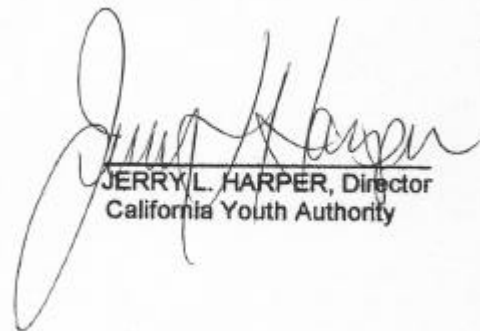
Both departments have enjoyed a rewarding partnership since the inception of the program. The partnership between CDF and CYA has grown to six camps, one training center, and 29 Fire Crews. In addition to the Camps operated by CDF and CYA, CDF operates an additional 33 conservation camps with the California Department of Corrections for an additional 159 crews. Through the years, this program has been outstanding in the conservation of both human and natural resources.

This Camp Operations Handbook was written by an Interagency committee of experienced personnel consisting of camp Division Chiefs, Camp Superintendents, and the program staff of both departments. This manual has been updated to reflect new policies, procedures, organization, and terminology.

The signatures affixed to this document signify our joint adoption of this handbook as the operational policies and procedures that implement the CDF/CYA Interagency Agreement. It is incumbent upon the personnel at all levels of each agency to administer these provisions and to maintain the cooperative spirit in which they were adopted.



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